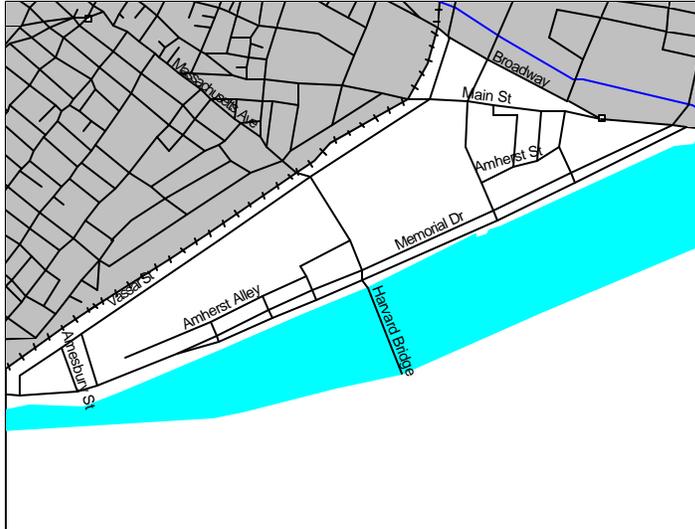
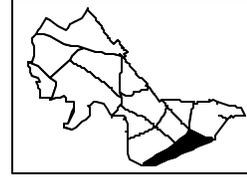


# NEIGHBORHOOD 2

## M.I.T. AREA



**BOUNDARIES:** bounded by Main Street, Broadway, the B&A Railroad, and the Charles River

**POPULATION:** 5,196 residents  
794 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$26,397

Neighborhood #2 is encompassed within the patrol boundaries of Car 1 and Car 3 (2 officer cars). M.I.T. has its own police force which patrols this area.

### 2001 THIRD QUARTER REVIEW

Historically, very little **housebreak** activity has been associated with the MIT neighborhood. Through the first nine months of 2001, there has yet to be a housebreak recorded in this area. • The only **street robbery** in the MIT Neighborhood during the third quarter involved a late night robbery at knifepoint in the 100 block of Mass Ave. A mugging in April involved a firearm with no injuries sustained. A partnership that has proven successful is the combined patrols of the Cambridge and MIT Police in areas of high pedestrian activity during commuting hours. Since its initiation in 1998, there have been less than 10 robberies reported in this area. If a robbery does occur in this neighborhood, it will usually be between 1AM and 3AM on a weekend night. ? The two **drug arrests** in the first three quarters were of trespassers in MIT dormitories who were charged with the possession of marijuana. • **Auto theft** (-14%) remains sporadic in nature with no discernible spatial trends. There were seven thefts of vehicles reported during the third quarter. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has its own police force, which reports its own crime statistics to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Statistics contained in this profile do not include crimes on MIT property.

### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS THIRD QUARTER 2000 & 2001

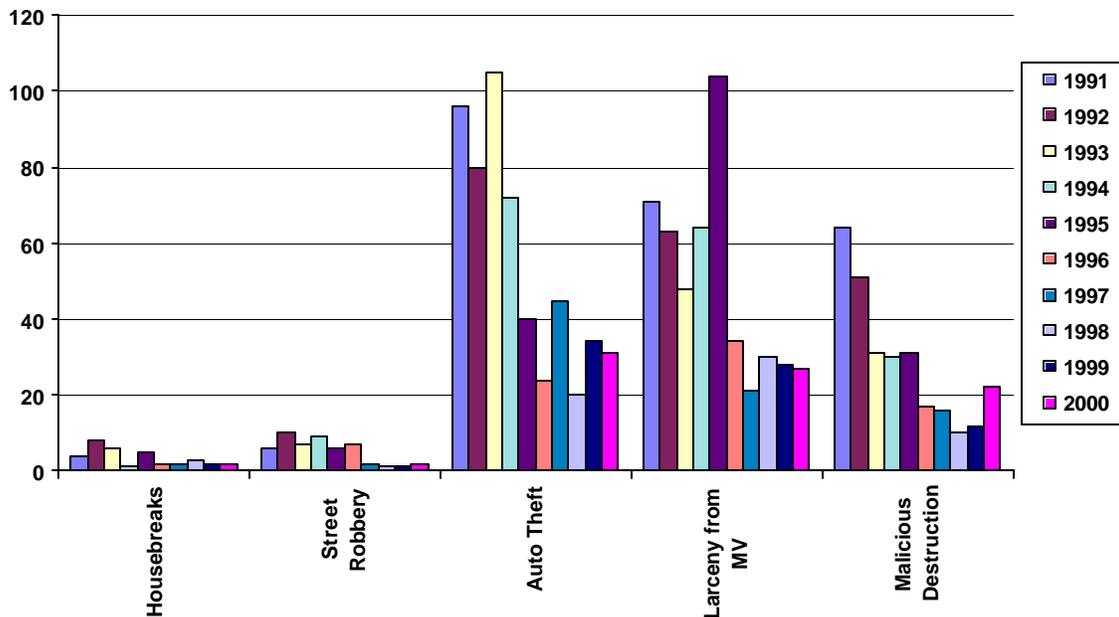
CRIME	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2000	3 <sup>rd</sup> Q 2001	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	2	0	-100%
Street Robbery	1	2	+50%
Auto Theft	21	18	-14%
Larceny from MVs	18	25	+39%
Malicious Destruction	16	8	-50%
Drug Arrests	6	1	-83%

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

The M.I.T. Area is dominated, of course, by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. M.I.T. property envelops most of the neighborhood. Its large student population—many of whom are foreign—is alluring to local criminals, who often consider students unsuspecting prey.

*The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has its own police force, which reports its own crime statistics to the Uniform Crime Reporting system. Statistics contained in this profile—and in the rest of the report—do not include crimes on M.I.T. property except for arrests and incidents in which Cambridge Police Officers participated.*

- The large number of automobiles parked each day on Vassar Street, Ames Street, Amherst Street, and at the Hyatt Regency Hotel have traditionally accounted for high numbers of **auto theft** and **larcenies from motor vehicles**.
- **Street robbery** patterns have sometimes emerged at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Vassar Street, and outside the Fleet Bank ATM on Main Street. These are often predatory, targeting college students that are walking in the areas late at night. Over the course of 20 years, however, M.I.T. has maintained a street robbery level well below the other neighborhoods.
- Bicycles parked at racks on sidewalks all around M.I.T. have been targeted by thieves in large numbers. M.I.T. and Cambridge Police make several arrests per year for **larcenies of bicycles**.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR M.I.T. AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2000*
Housebreaks	19	11	4	12	12
Street Robbery	11	10	5	11	12
Auto Theft	102	7	55	6	7
Larceny from MVs	56	10	50	8	8
Malicious Destruction	47	10	28	11	13

\*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest